

see that we are giving our best attention to that matter so that all legitimate complaints may be avoided. The Hon'ble Mover also knows it. Only seven rupees was collected in one month from the toll which was referred to by the Hon'ble the Mover. That toll was merely put there for a check on evasion and by that no inconvenience is caused. It is put there merely for the purpose of preventing the people of British India from making a detour into the Koonamoochi road. Because they have to go to an Ayurvedic Physician of great repute beyond that toll, it was pointed out in effect that the toll might be put at the junction of the trunk road. Otherwise it is not an important toll at all. My point is it will be very dangerous to lay down an abstract ruling that no tolls should be located on Panchayat roads quite irrespective of their importance or location. I think in that Hon'ble Members call with perfect safety trust the Government to do the right thing in these matters.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon:— Sir, I can fully trust the Government to do that, because even before, I had that opinion and it has been confirmed by the shifting of a toll gate. As to the principle that these toll gates are established for the protection of toll gates on trunk roads, I perfectly agree. The present location of the particular toll gate is on the trunk road and there is absolutely no reason for complaint. But the question of levying tolls on villagers in passing from one village to another, that was the only point that I objected to. In the light of the assurance given by the Hon'ble Leader of the House I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

No. 4—Alwaye water to Azhikkal and Murukkumpadam.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—“This Council recommends to the Government to make urgent arrangements to give Alwaye water to Azhikkal and Murukkumpadam as there is no other source of fresh water supply in those places”.

സർ, അഴീക്കൽ ആലുവ വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കുന്ന കായ്കം ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുവളരെക്കാലമായി. വല്ലാത്ത വിധത്തിൽ വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. പേനൽക്കാലമായാൽ അവിടെ എങ്ങനെയെങ്കിലും വെള്ളമുണ്ടായിരിക്കുകയില്ല. വടക്കു അഴിമുതൽ തൊക്കെ അഴിമുതൽ കായലിനും കടലിനും നടുവിൽ കിടക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്താണ് ഈ വെള്ളക്കുളമുള്ളത്. ആ കായ്കങ്ങാലായം ഞാൻ ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടു. എങ്കിലും അതുകൊണ്ട് ആകട്ടെങ്കിലും താമസിക്കുന്ന അഴീക്കൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും നല്ല വെള്ളം കിട്ടുവാൻ തീരെ അസാധ്യമായായിരിക്ക

ന്നു. ദിവാൻജി അധർമ്മംതന്നെ ആ സ്ഥലത്തുവന്നു ഒന്നുകണ്ടാൽ അദ്ദേഹം തന്നെ ആ നിമിഷത്തിൽ അതു അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കും. ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ കുറച്ച് വിഷമമുണ്ടായിരിക്കാം; വെള്ളത്തിന്റെ കുറവും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാം; ഒരു ടാങ്ക് കെട്ടേണ്ട ചിലവും വർദ്ധിച്ചിരിക്കാം; എങ്കിലും ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ വിഷമത്തേക്കാൾ എന്താവും വലിയ വിഷമമാണ് ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് കുടിശ്ശികയാൽ വെള്ളമില്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നതാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് പ്രത്യേകം കാണണം. ഈ സംഗതിക്കു എത്ര വിഷമമുണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും ഉത്തരീകേന്ദ്രം പോലുള്ള കായ്മലം, ഇനി ഒരുമൂന്നാലഞ്ചു മാസത്തേക്കു അവിടെയുള്ളവർക്ക് നല്ലവെള്ളം രീതി കിട്ടുകയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് എങ്ങിനെയെങ്കിലും ആ വിഷമം പരിഹരിച്ച് അവിടെയുള്ളവർക്ക് വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു മാത്രമേ എനിക്ക് പറയാനുള്ളൂ.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:—I second it.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—Sir, I support the motion. Though we may have a view of this place, called Azhikkal, from this Council Hall itself, I do not think that many of the Hon'ble Members of this House have actually seen the place and known what conditions the people of the locality live there. This place is a narrow strip of land lying just on the northern side of Cochin Harbour. It is very thickly inhabited by the labouring classes. Most of them work in the Harbour area and they are a set of people who are not able to provide for themselves with good drinking water. We have heard of complaints in this Council from Chittur and other hilly tracts regarding scarcity of water in these places. But there is one redeeming factor in their cases that is at least in a part of the year they can get good drinking water. At least during the rainy season their wells are full and they get a plentiful supply of water. But in the case of Azhikkal and Murukkumpadam at no time of the year can they get any good drinking water. The water is always saltish. They are now managing with what little dirty water they can get. They dig up some pits, small wells here and there, and they manage with the water that is available. It is the dirtiest water that may be used for drinking purposes. First of all the land is very low and during the high tide I think a large portion of the land will be covered with salt water. Some portions of the land are also marshy and it is impossible to get good drinking water at any place. Government have been pleased to construct some wells there. I am sure the Hon'ble Member for Panchayats will bear me out when I say that the water in these wells is simply saltish. It is not possible for them to get good water anywhere there. So that if there is one place in the whole of the State where there is keen necessity for supplying drinking water I would say that it is in these places of Azhikkal and Murukkumpadam. For, in no part of the year can they get drinking

water. What they now do is to go to the neighbouring villages like Elamkunnapuzha etc., and take water from there and carry the same in boats. Therefore I would submit that it is most urgent that some provision should be made by the Government to give them good drinking water. Of course I have been pressing this matter upon the attention of the Government from the very time I came to the Council, that is from the Budget Session of 1106. The Government have been assuring me that the matter was under their serious consideration and immediately after they supply water to Chellanam they would take up this work. That was the promise held out at that time. I again put questions. Then also Government have been telling me that the matter was under their serious consideration. But though 4 years have elapsed since that assurance, nothing has been done till now. During the last session I asked a question and at first they seemed to say that the matter has been dropped for the present. On my further question the Hon'ble Member for Engineering was pleased to say that they have not actually dropped the matter but that the matter was engaging their serious consideration. How long will this matter be under the serious consideration of the Government I wonder? I trust that this will not share the same fate as some other matters which are usually said to be under consideration of the Government without any idea of the work being carried out. It is my earnest request that the Government will look into the matter expeditiously and do something for giving them a supply of good drinking water. For these reasons I support this resolution.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon:—May I know the storage capacity of the biggest barge available here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It is 100 tons. The capacity is 20,000 gallons.

Sir, from our efforts during the last few years in the matter of water supply to Ernakulam and Mattancherri it must have been perfectly clear to this House that we are quite alive to the problem of supplying a protective system of water supply to the lateral areas in Cochin. In these areas the water supply from the natural sources is not very good and often contaminated and on account of this reason we have now taken up the scheme of supplying water to Chellanam, a distance of about 11 miles from Mattancherri. The particular reason why we started to the south of Cochin is the fact that we are supplying water to Mattancherri and it was comparatively easy for us to extend the pipe line to Chellanam. In the matter of supplying to Azhikkal the only method by which we could do this is by means of barges for which we should have a second system of barges. Coupled with this there was a proposal for enhancing the supply of water from Chewwara and including

in it the scheme for supplying more water to Cochin and for the Harbour. This scheme is under the consideration of the Government and if things come as we think it will, that scheme will materialise in about one and half years. The supply from Chewwara would be greatly enhanced, about double the present supply, and it would be possible for us to spare the water for the lateral areas to the north of Cochin. At the same time we will be able also to take in barges which are now supplying to Mattancherry and utilise them for supplying water to Azhikkal. That is the main reason why we are delaying the supply to Azhikkal. One thing is the paucity of supply and the other is the want of proper additional equipment for the work and I hope within 15 or 18 months it would be possible for us to start the work.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—I don't press the resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

The following resolutions were considered withdrawn as the Movers were absent.

Mr. Popatlal Goveardhan Lalan:—*"This Council recommends to the Government that immediate steps may be taken to substitute the present rowing boat for Police patrol in the back water by a Motor Launch"*.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—*"This Council recommends to the Government that a Committee of three non-official medical experts be appointed to scrutinise the prevailing system of the purchase of medical stores including articles of bedding and clothing and furniture and to suggest ways and means for effecting economy."*

No. 5. Non-official Committee Report on Police High-handedness.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim:—Sir, the resolution standing in my name reads thus:—*"This Council recommends to the Government to take steps on the report of the non-official committee composed of the Members of this House regarding police highhandedness on peaceful Satyagrahis at Ernakulam."*

മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡൻ്റ്, സർ, നിയമസഭയിലെ അനുഭാഗം സ്ഥാനമെമ്പർമാർ അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതായ ഒരു അനുഭാഗംസ്ഥാനകമ്മിറ്റി എറണാകുളത്തുവെച്ചു നടന്നതായ സത്യഗ്രഹമർദ്ദനത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള അന്വേഷണറിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേൽ ഗവണ്മെൻ്റ് വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ നടത്തണമെന്നാണ്. ഞാൻ ഈ റസല്യൂഷൻ കൊ